

THERE IS NO FOOL LIKE AN OLD FOOL BECAUSE THE YOUNG ONES HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH EXPERIENCE.—Grit.



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## Maine Men in Service

by U. S. Sen. Ralph O. Brewster  
Ten thousand homes in Maine will turn their thoughts on Christmas Day to the four quarters of this hemisphere—from Iceland to Manila and from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Trinidad and Panama—where Maine boys will observe their Christmas "on the alert." Next year 30,000 homes are likely to be involved. But in a broader sense every one of the 200,000 homes in Maine must be alike concerned as these boys belong to us and are carrying the burden of our defense.

Christmas is peculiarly the day above all others to join in commemoration because that is what it is all about. It is the spirit of men everywhere to the defense of that freedom that has resulted from the teachings of our faith.

Some day we shall so rise spiritually that we shall be above the flesh and learn the lesson of Easter. But this month we celebrate the birth and growth of the Christ uniting God and man in that glad relationship that we trust soon may bring a century of peace.

Comparatively few Maine boys will be able to get home for Christmas under circumstances of today but one may be sure that from all over this western hemisphere and from the far reaches of the Pacific and Atlantic isles their thoughts will be turning to the greenland snow-covered hills of Maine as our thoughts also will be with them.

## ROMEO BAKER TREASURER BATES COLLEGE FRESHMEN

Romeo Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baker of Bethel, has been elected treasurer of his class at Bates College where he is a freshman, according to a recent announcement.

Baker was graduated in 1941 from Gould Academy where he was active in dramatics and debating and prominent in athletics, earning letters in football and winter sports, and captaining the latter. He also took part in track and managed basketball.

At Bates he was recently awarded numerals for freshman football and is now out for track. Baker has also continued his interest in dramatics, and was a member of the cast of "Flight to the West" which was recently produced by the Bates dramatic group.

## Rain

Following a spell of zero weather, rainfall beginning Tuesday evening and continuing through Wednesday has made streets and highways dangerously smooth. The foot or more of snow which arrived in the storm of Dec. 14 has been much reduced at the same time.

Miss Rebecca Gordon arrived home from Lewiston Wednesday, to spend Christmas with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Gordon.

The Quickest, Surest Way  
YOU Can Help Win This  
War...



Buy  
Defense BONDS—STAMPS  
Now!



## Blackouts — Civilian Defense

The State Civilian Defense Council through local and town coordinators are rapidly perfecting the organization to bring these warnings to all who are threatened. Practice warnings by night and by day may be tried out, after the organization has been set up and after due notice to avoid panic, for test of protective measures.

Complete organized blackouts cannot be attempted until the Civilian Defense organizations are completed and the details worked out. You can readily imagine what might happen should all electric service be cut off without warning, so "Pull the Switch" is not possible. Pulling main switches should never be part of a general blackout. Vital service must be maintained. Blackouts must be accomplished by other means.

Individual home owners, storekeepers, places of business, institutions and all industries can greatly help themselves and their local Defense organizations by individually trying out a blackout of their own homes or property before the actual tests are ordered, or before actual air raids take place. All are urged to experiment. More detailed assistance will soon be available through your local Civilian Defense Coordinator or your local "Chief Air Raid Warden."

D. Grover Brooks  
Chief Air Raid Warden

## DELPHIS BERGERON

Delphis Bergeron, better known in Bethel as Sam Badger, died at the Marquette Home, Lewiston, Monday, Dec. 15, where he had been a patient the past five months. Born in Canada 76 years ago, he was the son of Alfred and Marceline Labonte Bergeron. For the past 63 years he had been a resident of this country, living for many years in Bethel until his illness last spring. He was a member of the Catholic church.

He was a bachelor. Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Melvina Brulot of Sanford, and six brothers, Louis of Biddeford, Nazaire of Franklin, N. H., Alcide and Noe of Canada, and David and Alex of Lewiston.

Funeral services were held last Wednesday at the Albert funeral home, Lewiston, and burial was in the French cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Mitchell of Kittery will spend Christmas at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Gordon.

Mrs. Stanley Brown is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sweeney, at Millsfield, N. H. Mr. Brown is staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown.

The last First Aid class was held last Friday evening with about 30 present. Mrs. Mann and Clayton Ring, who have instructed these classes, were presented gifts, and refreshments were served.

Word was received Wednesday morning from Henry Robertson, who is stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, that he and other Bethel boys in the Army there were all right and were all in active service.

## William Bingham 2nd Contributes to Tufts Medical School Fund

Receipt of gifts of \$50,000 by the Tufts College Medical School Building Fund was announced Saturday by President Leonard Carmichael. Of this amount, \$25,000 was given by the Bingham Associates Fund of Bethel and \$25,000 by the trustees of a trust for charitable purposes created by William Bingham 2nd of Bethel.

The Bingham gifts, President Carmichael revealed, bring the Building Fund total to \$500,000 in its current campaign for \$750,000. He said that construction of the new building, to be situated in the New England Medical Center, would start as soon as the goal is reached.

President Carmichael declared that the present emergency has made the completion of the building fund more vital than ever demands upon medical schools for doctors for the armed forces.

"In addition to the demands of the Army and Navy for doctors, our schools are called upon to provide replacements in many New England communities. It is imperative that we train our students with the best possible facilities and according to the highest standards."

Dr. George B. Farnsworth, President of the Bingham Associates Fund, in conveying the gift, declared that "the Bingham Associates have been interested in the development of this program by Tufts faculty at the New England Medical Center, in Boston, and have helped extend the benefits of post graduate medical training, diagnostic aid, and hospital services to the communities throughout Maine."

"Helping this school improve its physical facilities for undergraduate teaching and for research," Dr. Farnsworth stated, "was deemed the best way of ensuring a firm foundation for its post graduate medical and hospital service program."

The Bingham Associates Fund has devoted itself extensively in the past decade to the advancement of rural medicine, and to the problem of extending modern hospital and medical service to non-metropolitan communities. Shortly after 1930, when Tufts became affiliated with the Boston Dispensary and the Boston Floating Hospital to form the New England Medical Center, the Bingham Associates Fund developed a postgraduate program of advanced training in diagnostic aid, and hospital extension services. Its subsequent support has since made the services of this metropolitan health center available not only to small communities throughout Maine, but to New England generally. The modern Joseph H. Pratt Diagnostic Hospital in Boston, opened as a new unit of the Center in 1938, was made possible by the Bingham Associates Fund and now furnishes diagnostic aid to any practicing physician in any New England community.

Pvt. Vernon Brown has reenlisted in the Army and is stationed at Fort Williams Portland.

## Home Guard Drills in Grange Hall

There was nearly 100% attendance of members at the meeting of the Bethel Home Guard at their new location, the Grange Hall, Monday evening, and three new members signed up. Much more interest was shown in the drill and even in one evening on the excellent floor it was possible to make great progress.

Last Thursday evening the local company drilled in the new armory at Norway.

It is the hope of the officers and men that many more men will take advantage of membership in this group now that there is plenty of room, so that the local company may compare favorably with others in the county.

## CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM

Following is the cast of the presented at the Congregational Church after the Christmas supper on Wednesday evening:

Reader, Priscilla Carver  
Mary, Irene Wight  
Joseph, Carl Wight  
Angels, Marlene Anderson, Jane Anns, Reona Bean, Laura Belle Bennett, Lorraine Swan, Eleanor Gurney  
Shepherds, Robert Tiff, Larry Clement, Eugene Van Den Kerckhoven, Lawrence Bennett, David Bennett

Three Wise Men, Lee Carver, Donald Lord, Richard Ireland

Choir, Donna Mae Anderson, Joan Bennett, Caroline Chadbourne, Mary Jane Chapman, Mary Ann Myers, Nancy Carver, Barbara Jodrey, Arlene Bennett, Phyllis Chadbourne, Joan Conner, Frank Lee Flint, John Marshall, Adelaide Louise Storey, Arlan Jodrey, Margery Etta Dudley, Patricia Fortier, Oakley Gidwin, Margery Rowe, Janice Lord, Barbara Wilson, Dennis Winslow, Wayne Bennett, Theodore Chadbourne, Laurie Lord, Addison Saunders, Nancy Van Den Kerckhoven, Florence Young, Betty Warren, Betty Marshall, Sadie Bean, Ruth Garber, Lillian Coburn, Carolyn Bryant, Mary Lou Chapman, Norma Hunt, Lois Ann Van Den Kerckhoven, Isabelle Bennett, Marilyn Boyker.

Mrs. Arthur Dudley, junior superintendent is in charge of the program, assisted by the teachers and parents. Miss Mary Tibbotts is assisting with the costumes and Mrs. Elwood Ireland is the organist.

O'Neill Robertson of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia and Edward Robertson, U. of M., are spending their vacation with their mother, Mrs. Mabel Robertson.

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Hood and Edward Little are spending the Christmas holidays in Massachusetts. Dr. Hood will not keep office hours in Bethel until Jan. 5.

John Compass, Milo McAllister and Henry Bennett were in Togus Sunday for Christmas activities at the Veterans' Hospital, sponsored every year by the Maine Vulture of the 40-8.

## Bethel Child Scalded

Lillian, two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Currier, was badly scalded Saturday morning when she fell backward into a pail of hot water. She was taken to the Rumford Community Hospital, where her condition is reported to be favorable.

## VETERANS GROUP CONDEMNS \$10,000,000,000 PENSION GRAB

The American Veterans Association has condemned two veterans' pension bills now before the Senate Finance Committee as dangerously inflationary, a peril to national defense and a threat to workers' purchasing power, in a statement asking citizens to express vigorous opposition to the legislation.

Estimating that the two bills, neither of which would benefit war wounded or the dependents of combat dead, would extract a total of 10 billion dollars from the U. S. Treasury, the statement declared that most World War I veterans feel they have already been treated generously and pointed out that since the war's end the government has paid out some 13 billions on the form of hospitalization, pensions, bonuses and other benefits.

It expressed the opinion that only a minority of the American Legion favor the pension bills, despite the fact that they have been approved by the Legion's legislative representatives.

## BETHEL BOY SCOUTS

Plans for a winter carnival were discussed at the regular meeting Monday evening, and the following committee was appointed: Chairman, Gilbert, LeClair; Richard Bryant, Glendon McAllister, Eugene Van Den Kerckhoven Jr., Robert Greenleaf and Linwood Wheeler.

It was announced that patrol meetings would be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The following committee for a skating party was appointed: Chairman, Dana Enman, Herbert Lyon, John Greenleaf and Leland Brown.

Tests passed were: tenderfoot, completed, Donald Walker and Herbert Lyon; compass and artificial respiration, Donald Brooks; oath and law, Lawrence Young; service and uniform, Eugene Van Den Kerckhoven Jr.

The games committee for next meeting is John Brown, Allen Fuller, Donald Brooks. The meeting was led by Donald Brooks.

Mrs. Lena Wight is spending the week in Hartford, Conn., with her son, William, and daughter, Miss Kathleen Wight.

Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Tibbotts entertained at a Christmas supper party on Monday evening. The guests were Dr. and Mrs. Homer Lawrence, Miss Barbara Moore, O'Neill and Edward Robertson, and Misses Mary and Margaret Tibbotts.

## NOTICE

### To Delinquent Taxpayers

State Audits of Unpaid Taxes are now made regularly by the State Department and it will be necessary for me to report upon that item in the near future.

These taxes are a legal impost which are a preferred duty of each taxpayer.

Please do YOUR DUTY and pay your taxes now.

WALTER E. BARTLETT  
Collector  
for Town of Bethel



## BRYANT POND

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Farnum and daughter, Mary Stuart Farnum, were Sunday afternoon visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Berry, of Gorham, N. H.

Robert Farrington, who has been sick with pneumonia, is better. Miss Hope Ring, R. N., cared for him.

## Franklin Grange

Franklin Grange of Bryant Pond met Saturday evening, Dec. 20, with a good attendance. Officers absent: Chaplain, Lecturer, Pomona and Flora. Pro tem officers: Chaplain, Verna Swan; Lecturer, Letty Day; Pomona, Clara Whitman; and Flora, Barbara Cole. The charter was draped for Mrs. Lena Bartlett. Officers elected for 1942:

Master—Otis Evans  
Overseer—Harris Hathaway  
Chaplain—Margaret Howe  
Lecturer—Marlan Mason  
Secretary—Martha Dudley  
Treasurer—Florence Cushman  
Steward—Howard MacKillop  
Asst. Steward—Gardner Cole  
L. A. Steward—Olive Howe  
Gate Keeper—Lloyd Davis  
Ceres—Clara Whitman  
Pomona—Arlene Swan  
Flora—Bernice Evans  
Plant—Annie Davis

Executive Comm.—Herman Cole  
Hall Agent—Nellie Sweatt  
Committee on resolutions for Mrs. Nellie Abbott: Martha Dudley, Verna Swan, and Letty Day; for Mrs. Lena Bartlett: Inez Whitman, Ella Day and Florence Cushman.

A Christmas tree was enjoyed by all after the meeting. The next meeting will be Jan. 3 in the evening and will be installation of officers. Supper at 6:30. Alder River Grange of East Bethel and Pleasant Valley Grange of West Bethel have been invited to join with Franklin Grange for installation. Ardine Richardson, State Master, will be installing officer. Public to invited friends. Supper committee: Edith Hathaway, Agnes Brooks, and Clara Whitman.

## Officers of Juvenile Grange, 1942:

Master—Francis Howe  
Overseer—Edwin Howe  
Chaplain—Jessie Wermenchuck  
Lecturer—Lola Hathaway  
Steward—Merle Noyes  
Asst. Steward—Millett Coffin  
L. A. Steward—Barbara Poland

Gate Keeper—Roland Dunham  
Secretary—Doris Wermenchuck  
Treasurer—Alberta Dunham  
Ceres—Bessie Dunham  
Flora—Mary Dunham  
Pomona—Virginia Morgan  
A program and then a Christmas tree were enjoyed by all.

## WEST GREENWOOD

Mrs. Richard Carter has been ill with the gripe.

Mrs. Vernon Brown of South Waterford has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Deegan, recently.

Miss Florence Deegan of Gorham Normal School is home on her vacation.

Mrs. Ray Cotton of Mechanic Falls was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Richard Carter, a few days last week.

Misses Florence and Eva Deegan and brother, Joe Deegan, were in Rumford, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Wilson were in Rumford, Monday.



We'd like very much to send each of you a gift to show our appreciation of your friendship and patronage during the year.

As this is impossible, we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

**Roberts Furniture Co.**  
Hanover, Maine

## THE MERRIEST CHRISTMAS



The same kind of a Christmas we knew when we were boys and girls, when bob-sleds plodded merrily over country roads and the brooding peace of Yuletide dwelt everywhere in the hearts of men.

... that is the kind of an old-fashioned Christmas we are wishing you now.

And with our wish may we extend a word of thanks and appreciation for your continued friendship and patronage.

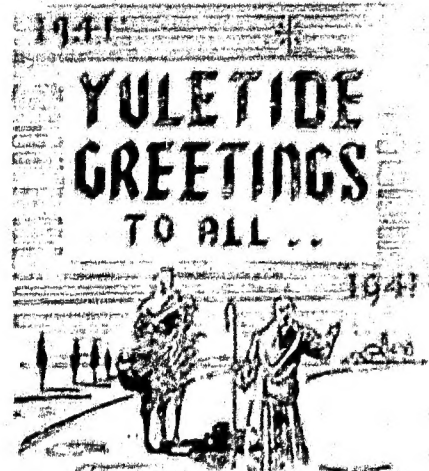
## Bryant's Market

A SEASON JOYOUS...  
REIGN OF CHRISTMAS

"Reign of Christmas" is truly a reign of joy and happiness. We extend our cordial wish that happiness may "reign" in your home this Christmas and throughout the holiday season.

And—please remember that we are always anxious to serve and are proud of a long "reign" of service in this community.

**Gould Academy**  
ELWOOD F. IRELAND, Headmaster



'Tis Christmas! Our thoughts revert from the complicated to simplicity to the carefree thoughts of childhood, from the material to the spiritual.

'Tis Christmas! ... time to count our many friends and recall the happy relationships we have had with them during the year. Time to our best efforts and to wish all our friends a Merry Christmas.

JOHN A. RUBINO

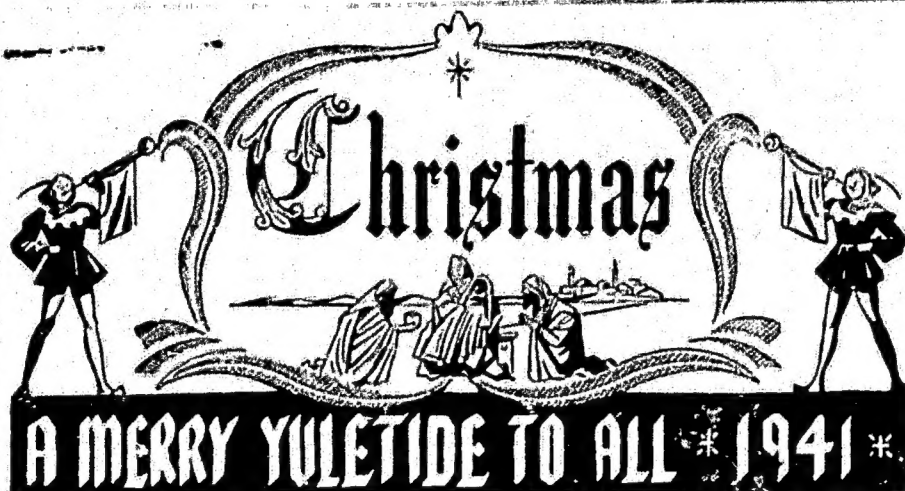


## TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

Christmas is a sort of stopping place where weary travelers pause and forget the long miles that lie behind, and recall the faith and loyalty of friends who have made their way most pleasant.

Permit us now to thank you for your many favors and to wish you a delightful Christmas season.

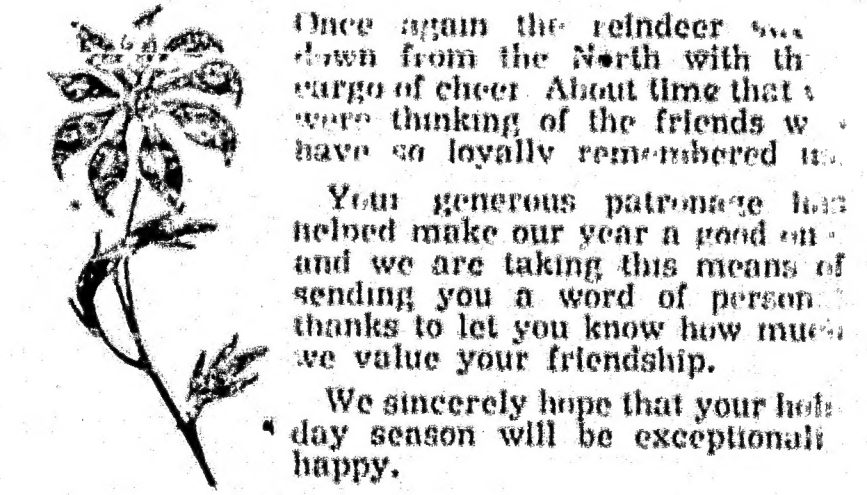
**THE BETHEL NATIONAL BANK**



MAY THE LIGHT OF THE CHRISTMAS STAR BRIGHTEN YOUR CHRISTMAS SEASON THIS YEAR, WHILE IT SHEDS ITS EFFULGENCE OVER A WORLD THAT IS SO TARDY IN LEARNING THE WAY OF PEACE LAID DOWN TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU—A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS. THIS IS THE HEARTFELT WISH OF EVERY MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION, WHO JOIN IN EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP DURING THIS AND OTHER YEARS.

**Bethel Feed & Grain Co.**



**Bethel Theatre**  
FREDERICK P. GROVER, Manager

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## NORTH WOODSTOCK

Herschel Abbott and Bernard Cushman, University of Maine students, are spending their Christmas vacation with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitman and Wayman Brown were at Norway, Sunday.

The School is closed for the Christmas vacation. Friday evening a Christmas tree and party was enjoyed by friends, parents and the children.

Mrs. Clinton Buck and Mrs. Hano Cushman were in Lewiston one day last week.

Pvt. Harland Abbott of Indian-town Gap, Penn., and Pvt. Elwell Hardy of Florida are expected home soon for a few days furlough.

Dana Dudley visited his grandmother, Mrs. Herman Cole, one afternoon last week.

## HANOVER

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Douglass and son, Richard, of Bethel were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Douglass Sunday.

Wallace Saunders of Houlton is spending his Christmas vacation at the home of his parents.

Miss Barbara Penley spent Saturday and Sunday at her aunt's in Andover.

Charles Poore left Thursday for Montreal to visit his daughter.



We hope you spend Christmas with all your heart. Laughter, kindness, simple cheer, peace of spirit, and gifts galore!

We are grateful to you for your kind patronage during the year, and look forward to a continuance of our pleasant relationship.

## BETHEL AUCTION CO.

C. A. AUSTIN, Manager



The same old greeting, but with the added fervor of many years' repetition.

It is our sincere wish that each member of your family will enjoy the most bountiful and happiest Christmas ever!

And may we add a word of thanks for your much appreciated patronage during the year.

EDWARD P. LYON

From there he will go to Chicago for a short time.

Homer Barlow left for Portland Monday, where he is expecting to get work in the shipyard, as he recently received his honorable discharge from the army.

## MRS. HARLAN BARTLETT

Mrs. Lena Bailey Bartlett, wife of Harlan Bartlett, died at Bryant Pond Friday night. Mrs. Bartlett was stricken earlier in the day with

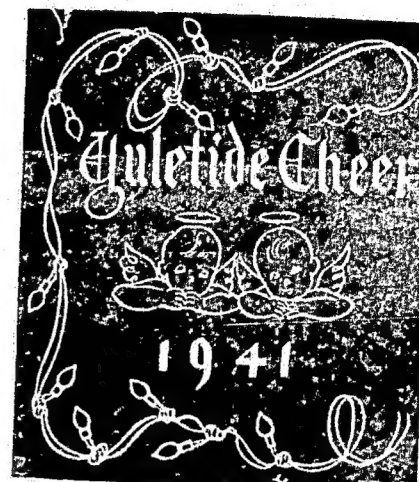
a shock. She was born in Newton, Mass., Dec. 30, 1882, the daughter of Albert E. and Abbie Maude Payne Bailey. She had lived at Bryant Pond several years and was a member of Franklin Grange.

Surviving are her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Bancha Berrymont, of Bryant Pond; four sisters, Mrs. Edna Smith and Mrs. Gertrude Boyker of Bethel; Miss Bertha Bailey and Mrs. Warren Wentworth of Kennebunk Beach; three brothers

Fred of South Paris, Harry of Auburn, and Howard of Bethel; and two grandchildren, Barbara and Norbert Berrymont of Bryant Pond.

Mrs. Bartlett was a kind neighbor and friend and will be greatly missed in town. Funeral services were held at Greenleaf's funeral home at Bethel, Monday afternoon.

## GREETINGS



Christmas again! And as the glad chimes ring out we join in the general gladness to wish you and yours a more joyous and bountiful Christmas than ever.

For your patronage we are deeply grateful, and we renew our pledge of full service for the future.

## Dick Young's Service Stations



OUR BUSINESS is dependent upon our many loyal friends who have favored us in many ways.

It may have been through your patronage... it may have been through a kindly word of recommendation on your part... but in whatever way you have favored us, we are grateful.

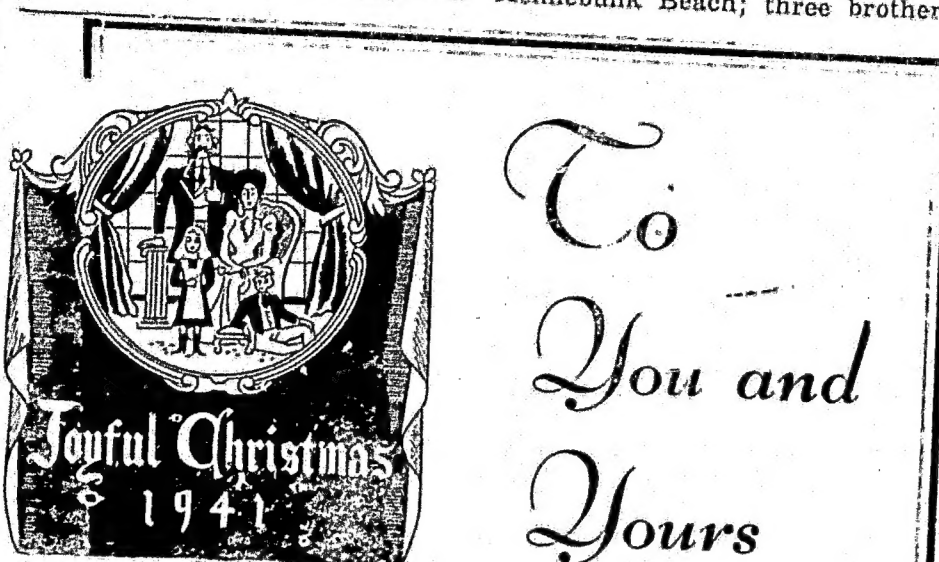
It is our sincere and ardent wish that each of you may receive the full blessings of a joyous Yuletide season.

## Burns' RED &amp; WHITE Store



We are grateful to you for your friendship and for your patronage during the past year. To each and all of you, we wish the fulfillment of that great longing of the human heart—peace and good will. Good luck, and a Merry Christmas.

## Allen's Shoe Store



An old-fashioned Christmas... the kind of a Christmas that helped make the gay 90's gay... yes, the kind of a Christmas that the old family album could tell about so eloquently—that's the kind of a Christmas we wish for you and yours.

We're grateful for your patronage during the past year, and hope for a continuance of our pleasant relations.

## Bethel Restaurant



## HEARTY GREETINGS!

It's Christmas... the season of genial fellowship and good will when men draw together in ties of common brotherhood. In this season of good will it is time to reckon the finer profits that cannot be posted on the ledger... the best time in the entire calendar to express our appreciation of the many evidences of your friendship.

To you and those whose happiness is linked with yours we send our heartiest wishes for the merriest Christmas ever!

## ERNEST F. BISBEE

COAL



## Greetings

The season's greetings sent in sincere and friendly appreciation of an asset money cannot buy—good will.

Merry Christmas to all of you from all of us.

## RUSSELL'S General Store

HANOVER, MAINE



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CARL L. BROWN, Publisher

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1941

## Christmas Dinner

By Katherine Edelman

AS SOON as Darrel Thorpe got a chance to use the phone, he dialed his home. He must tell Edna, how sorry, how terribly sorry he was for what had happened this morning. All the way down on the car he had reproached himself for the hasty words he had said. He couldn't understand how he had spoken to Edna like that, and on Christmas eve.

He drummed impatiently on the desk as he waited. Edna was always punctual about answering the phone and doorbell. It was a way she had, going right through with things.

Which really was the cause of his flash of temper this morning. In her quick, decisive way, she had swept aside his idea of having old Mrs. Darby for Christmas dinner. The little lady, now down on her luck, had befriended Darrel when he had come to the city.

"I'm not going to have her!" Edna had declared emphatically. "We're



The big man did not seem to hear him. His eyes were glued on a closely-typed statement.

going to skip Christmas as much as possible—go out and eat somewhere—and miss all the rush and tother."

"I think that's a darn selfish way of doing," Darrel shot back. "Christmas is a home day, with a turkey, and a tree, and gifts, and above all, someone to share them with us."

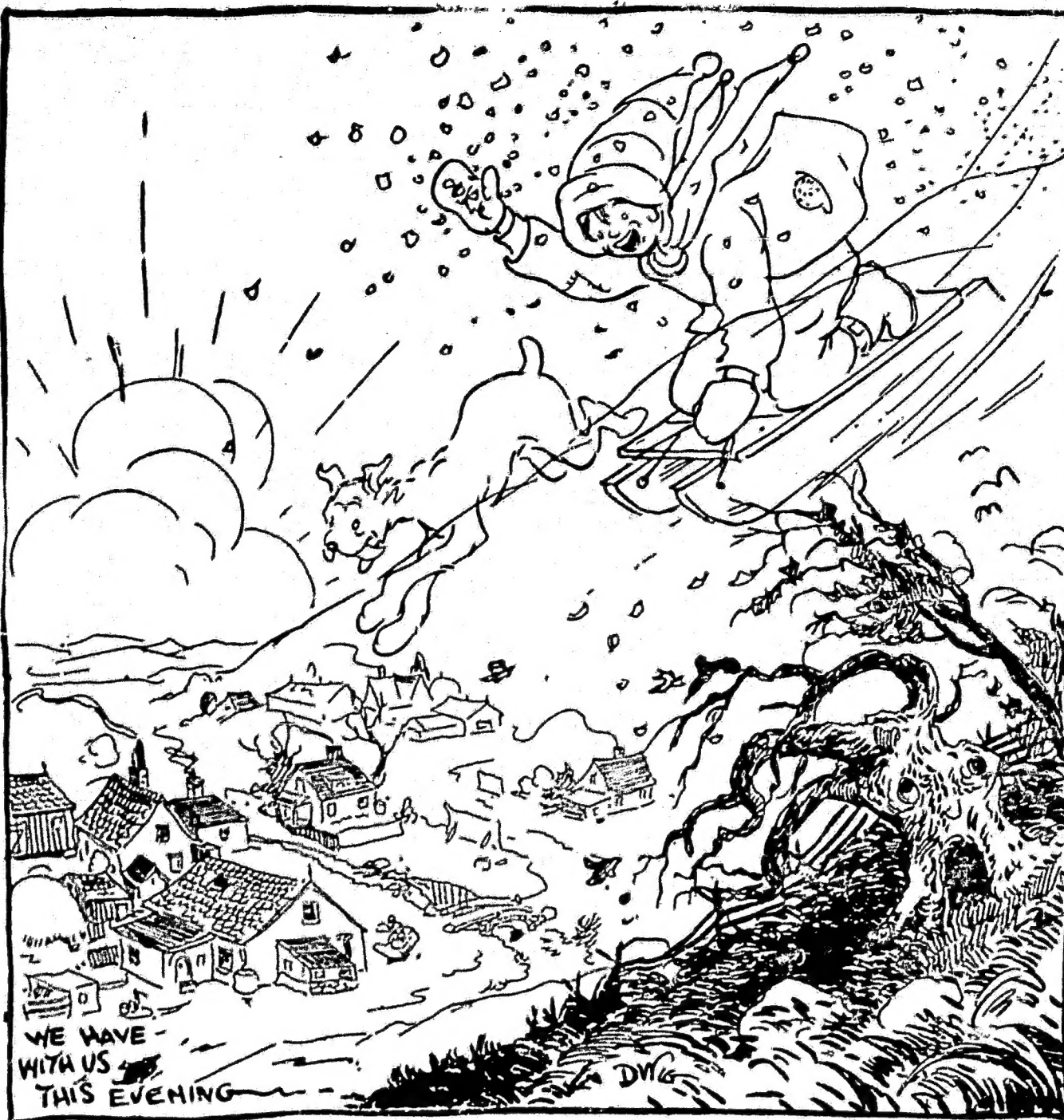
Then, without waiting to see the effect of his words, Darrel rushed from the house, banging the door.

Now, he dialed the number three times, but there was no answer. Panic seized him. Had Edna believed that he meant what he had said? He had heard of young wives who had packed up and left for much less reason. What a brute he had been to flare up as he did!

THE morning was unbearably long. Inwardly fuming, he hung up the receiver, to answer an imperative buzzer from the inner office. It was about the tenth this morning. If it hadn't been for Wheatley, keeping him running around in circles, he might have been able to reach Edna long ago. And if the old man hadn't been in the same ugly mood yesterday, Darrel knew that he himself wouldn't have been on edge this morning, that he wouldn't have spoken to Edna as he had done. He blamed Wheatley as much as himself.

## SCHOOL DAYS

By DWIG



WE HAVE  
WITH US  
THIS EVENING

## Merry Christmas!

By Helen Morton

IT WAS enough to make one hate Christmas! Betsy was so tired counter in the middle of the aisle had become a nightmare to her. The crowds hurrying by, pulling the neckties off as their coats brushed against them, fingering them over and then tossing them back on the table carelessly.

Still, it was good to have a job, even a temporary one. For she had been without work for a long enough time so that she had "eat in" and all her possessions she could borrow money on.

No time to be standing here thinking, though. That fat woman looked as if she was going to buy several ties. "These are very nice, madam."

And so reasonable; 35 cents a piece, or three for \$1.00. This is an exceptionally pretty one," and Betsy showed her a navy blue. But the fat woman dropped the ties and hastened away with her friend, leaving a pile of ties on the floor.

Wearily Betsy leaned over and began picking them up. "Let me help?" a friendly voice asked. Betsy looked up into a handsome face, curly brown hair, deep blue eyes, and a mouth that curved into a smile at the surprise in Betsy's eyes. "I want to get some ties for my family. I've been up here the past few weeks, and so I don't know what the kids want, but I think it'll be safe to give 'em ties. Socks are so commonplace."

"Your brothers?" Betsy asked as she held up one or two she liked particularly.

"Yeah. Three brothers and a sister. She's about your age, I reckon. What does a girl like, anyway, when you've only a little to spend?" He looked imploringly.

"Let's get the brothers fixed up first, and then see about her. How's this for the 17-year-old?" Betsy in-

quired

"Fine. You know, I'm tickled pink to be able to do anything for the family. I struck a bad spell, was down with flu for three weeks, and lost my job. I just got another last week. But I'd have hated to have the day go by with nothing from the big boy." His face was shining.

"I'll have them wrapped as gifts. Then you go over to the counter there and select something for your sister. Here, I'll take you over and get a girl from my home town to wait on you. She'll help," and Betsy went along with him.

"You're not a city girl, then? No wonder you were so helpful. I'm scared of these sophisticated girls in most of the shops. That's because I've been here only a few months, and in my home town everyone knew everyone and it was, well, it was different. Say, you don't think I'm getting fresh, do you? I'm just so homesick." His face was red with embarrassment.

It was Betsy's turn to look troubled. "Sure, I know how it was. I don't chatter away with every customer this way, either. I'm like you new here, and lonesome for my own people. I was hating Christmas time, with so much confusion and no real Christmas spirit. So I'm glad you told me about your family."

She turned him over to Marie at the women's wear counter, and went on with her selling. They seemed prettier, fresher and more attractive, than they had before the curly-

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## BUSINESS CARDS

Watch This Space for Dates



Eyes Examined, Glasses Furnished

by  
**E. I. GREENLEAF**

OPTOMETRIST  
over Rowe's Store

**SATURDAY, JAN. 3**

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## LOCKE MILLS

The prize speaking contest was held at the Town Hall last Friday evening. The cash prizes that are usually given to the best speakers were not accepted by the children but were turned over to the Red Cross.

Students home from colleges for the Christmas vacation are: John Tebbets from Oberlin College, Misses Anne Ring and Claire Tebbets from University of Maine, Albert Ring from Bates and Miss Evelyn Kimball from Gorham Normal School.

E. T. Roberts went to Orono Friday after Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Roberts and son, who are spending their vacation at Bethel.

Harry Swift was at Wilton recently, to see his mother, Mrs. Mattie Swift, who is ill.

Miss Jean Tirrell was at Orono the first of this week attending the 4-H Club conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Waterhouse and family and Philip Cummings of Hartford, Conn., were at their homes here for the week-end. Mrs. Waterhouse and family will remain here this week.

Pvt. Leland Farr of Camp Wheeler, Ga., called on his aunt, Mrs. Lee Mills, Sunday. He is to be transferred to Camp Blanding, Fla., where he will report on Dec. 28.

Mrs. George Flanders was at Lewiston, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Day were at Anson, Tuesday.

Frank Ring tore the ligaments in his leg while working at the mill last week and is confined to his home.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Toolan is visiting her father, King Bartlett.

Mrs. Frank Vetquoskey has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Mary Lovejoy, in Bethel.

Gerald Robinson has infection in his arm.

## NORTH NEWRY

The State of Maine Civilian Defense Council Volunteer Registration blanks have been distributed through the town by the town chairman and sub-committees, Mrs. Daisy Warren and Mrs. Francis H. Vail. Just as soon as these cards are filled out and returned to the committee a mass meeting will be called for organization and to prepare for the training classes.

Hugh Scarbrough of Bethel is cutting wood here with Francis Vail Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cole, Miss Hazel Hanscom, Miss Ruth Hanscom, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hanscom, Rodney Hanscom were Christmas dinner guests of their parents Sunday. A Christmas tree was enjoyed after dinner.

Miss Alzena Lord of Bethel is a guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Morton.



This is the season for good cheer — fateful though 1941 has been. This is the season for peace in the hearts of men. May peace be yours always, is our wish in appreciation of your good will towards us.

D. GROVER BROOKS

Mrs. Herbert Morton Jr. went to Auburn Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Richardson.

Miss Amy Bennett is at home for Christmas.

## SOUTH WOODSTOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Davis entertained on Sunday her sister, Mrs. Lillian Hammond, and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Laurant Pingree and four children.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenwood Andrews will have as guests on Christmas day her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Welsford Lapham, of Redding. Bert Young of Portland will spend Christmas day with A. M. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Andrews will have as their guests Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes, Mrs. Ella Nickerson and Mrs. Geneva Tuell, all of West Paris, also Mr. and Mrs. Frank Andrews.

Mrs. Gerald Davis will go to Freeport Wednesday night to be with her parents and sister for the holiday and remainder of the week.

Schools closed Friday for a two weeks vacation. A Christmas program was presented Thursday evening and of course Santa was there, although a bit early for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Penley of Lewiston will be Wednesday evening supper guests of her sister, Mrs. H. M. Andrews.

Willing Workers  
Fourteen ladies and five children were present at the meeting of the Willing Workers on Wednesday of last week, when they were entertained by Mrs. Velma Davis. The dinner at noon consisted of mashed potatoes, pressed meat salads spiced dressing, raised bread and muffins, pickles, cheese, pies and Christmas pudding, coffee and tea. In the afternoon, after a short business meeting, a short program of Christmas readings and songs was presented.

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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headed fellow had come along to buy some.

ONLY a half hour off for supper, then she'd have to work until the store closed at nine. Christmas eve meant lots of last minute gifts to be bought in this big city. As she turned away from her counter to go out to eat, a friendly voice sounded at her shoulder.

"If you're going to snatch a sandwich, do you mind if I go along and we learn something more about each other? Your friend told me you'd have just a little while for lunch, and I want to get acquainted, if you'll let me." It wasn't just a "pick-up." This was a homesick boy, wanting to talk with a small-town girl who knew his language.

There was just a moment's hesitation before Betsy said, with a grin, "Sure enough. Lead me to the lunch counter. You're no more lonely than I've been. As it is, I really feel like I can say 'Merry Christmas' when tomorrow comes."

America speaks! Answer the call of your country by buying Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps for its protection and defense.



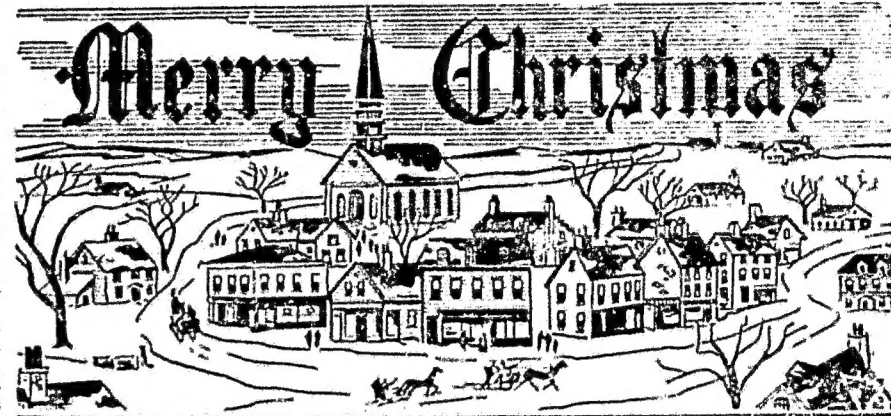
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# THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

Summarizing information on the important developments of the week made available by official sources through and including Friday

Navy Secretary Knox, returning from a plane trip to Hawaii, reported the U. S. armed services there were not on the alert against the first Japanese attack. Mr. Knox said that the Navy lost one capital ship, a training ship, three destroyers, and one mine-layer and suffered damage to several ships which will take from several days to several months to repair. He reported 2,729 Navy officers and men were killed and 656 wounded.

The President appointed Supreme Court Justice Roberts head of a special board of inquiry. Pending completion of the inquiry ranking officers of the Hawaiian command were relieved of duty and replaced. In the shift, Admiral Nimitz replaced Admiral Kimmel as Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Pacific Fleet and Lt. Gen. Emmons, Air Forces, relieved Lt. Gen. Short as commanding officer of the land forces in the Islands.

The War Front  
War and Navy Department communiques during the week reported the sinking of one enemy transport and "probably" one destroyer, so-

vere damage to another enemy transport, the sinking of a motor ship, capture of a fishing vessel, continued successful repulse of enemy attempts to take Wake and Midway, and continued bombing of the Philippines.

## Lend-Lease Aid

War Secretary Stimson issued a statement that although lend-lease aid momentarily lessened after the Pearl Harbor attack, the increased war effort "must inevitably increase rather than diminish shipments to our common enemy." The President reported to Congress that aid had increased from \$18,000,000 in March to \$283,000,000 in November—to make a total of \$1,202,000,000 in aid extended to December 1.

## Army

Secretary of War Stimson told his press conference that although the \$10,000,000,000 supplemental defense bill provides for an increase of the Army to about 2,000,000 men, the War Department is "trying to develop machinery by which our Army can increase steadily without limits" and with "the least possible disturbance to our economic life."

## Selective Service

Congress passed a bill calling for registration of all men between 18 and 65 and making those from 20 to 44, inclusive, liable for military service. War Secretary Stimson told

# Maybe Next Christmas

by ANNE MARY LAWLER

## SYNOPSIS

Ma Shannon's doctor has warned her that this is her last Christmas. She is planning a last family reunion with her four children. None comes. In New York, Lydia, secretary-companion, is afraid to leave the man she loves to the mercies of

her rival over Christmas-time. In Chicago Kenneth, successful doctor, permits his spoiled wife to dissuade him from making the trip. In Baltimore, Robert, penniless writer, has Christmas plans which may make the publication of his book possible. And

in Hollywood, Sally is desperately trying for a part in a new picture. And then Ma is called by a stranger to help his wife who is about to have a baby in a barn, where they took refuge from the snowstorm. They bring the woman to Ma's home.

## Installment 5

"Care to see your son?" Ma proffered a swaddled armful to the stranger.

The girl was sleeping quietly the exhausted sleep of a warrior who has fought a long and victorious battle.

"Little—and red, isn't he?" The father was awkward of hand and word before his child.

"He's a beautiful baby," Ma defended angrily. "Look at those little hands. Why, they're beautiful. The idea, little and red!"

"I don't know much about babies," he confessed. "I never met any so close before."

Ma's anger changed to amusement. "You'll learn." She grinned. "Now suppose we put this young man down and let him get some sleep. He's had a hard night, too." She eased the baby gently into an old wicker wash basket swathed in worn blankets, turned down the light and led the way to the Big Doc's old study.

Across a heartening cup of tea, Ma demanded, "That story you were telling me down in the stable. We've got time for it now."

"It's an old story," he admitted. "Nothing new about it. Me and Mary—my wife—we always wanted a farm of our own. A little place, not too big, where you could wake up and see something green in the morning. Me and Mary both were city kids—Chicago—but my dad was a farm boy and he talked about the land a lot. Me and Mary were never satisfied in Chicago. Then

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Ma looked up at the picture of Big Doc. "I, being of sound mind," she wrote, "do bequeath . . ."

# The SNAPSHOT GUILD

## DEVELOPING AND PRINTING



Want more fun from photography? Then try developing your own films. It's easy, and you can learn to do it in very little time.

FREQUENTLY I've been asked the question: "How can I develop and print my own pictures?" It's a good query—one that many of you probably have been wondering about—so I'm going to answer it today.

Developing and printing, you see, are in a way the finishing touches in a photographer's education. When he first learns how to make his camera operate, it's as if he were going to elementary school. Discovering what makes a good picture subject is comparable to high school. And learning how to develop a print is equivalent—in the photographic sense—to a college education. It means you're having more fun too.

To start your own developing the best thing is to purchase an inexpensive developing and printing kit. You can get them—one might say—in all shapes and sizes. That isn't important, but what really is important is that every set contains all you'll need in the way of chemicals and equipment. And included in each set is an instruction booklet which explains clearly and concisely the steps to follow in developing a film and making a print. Such a book is invaluable if an

experienced photographer isn't at hand to help you get started.

But whatever kit you get—and the inexpensive ones will do nicely at first—you're going to need a darkroom to work in. A large, empty closet will be sufficient, although many photographers prefer to work in a larger space—such as a bathroom or kitchen which has been made light-tight by heavy curtains over the door and windows. Or perhaps you'd prefer to build a regular darkroom of your own either in the cellar or attic.

In any event when you're established and ready to begin work, you won't have any trouble if you follow directions. That's the secret of producing high quality prints and negatives. Just follow the directions, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

However, here are a few tips. Keep your equipment and developing solutions spotlessly clean; watch solution temperatures carefully and don't work when they're below 50 or above 75 degrees; keep agitating your films and prints during development; and, finally, wash everything—prints and negatives—thoroughly—at least 30 minutes in running water.

John van Guilder

a press conference voluntary enlistments will be suspended as soon as the "present rush of patriotism" is over. All further manpower will then be obtained by the selective service system. The Census bureau estimated the U. S. and the Allied powers including China and India have 163,887,000 men of fighting age—18 to 35—while the Axis nations have 28,660,000.

## Navy

The Navy Department authorized all navy yards to make maximum use of extra shifts and overtime work to rush construction. All Navy employees were ordered on a 48-hour week. Four ships were launched; the USS COLUMBIA—10,000-ton cruiser—and three destroyers.

## Production

OPM Production Director Harrison announced American and British plane output will surpass that of Germany by the summer of 1942; the U. S. will produce 840 light and medium tanks this month and 2,800 a month by this time next year; machine tool production necessary for critical Army weapons will probably be doubled in the coming year; the first bomber will be produced shortly after January 1, at the new \$11,000,000 Kansas City assembly plant from parts made by the auto industry; plans have been approved by SPAB to triple aviation gasoline production.

## Priorities

OPM extended its ban on the sale of new auto tires and tubes to January 4 and said a rationing program will go into effect January 4 providing tires only for essential commercial and public welfare activities. OPM also announced full control of all tin in this country or en route by water; ordered manufacturers of ranges, stoves and other cooking appliances to curtail use of iron and steel; ruled sheepskin can be used only on OPM order; simplified priority procedure to permit extension of ratings by manufacturers themselves on orders for less than \$500 worth of material.

## Materials

The SPAB announced preparation of a program to insure adequate supplies of these raw materials from the Pacific area "even in case

America's access to overseas materials is cut off entirely." OPM Director Knudsen asked all individuals to gather all scrap of any kind in their homes and workshops and sell it at once to scrap dealers. Civilian Supply Director Henderson said the war effort requires 50 pounds of scrap paper a month from every family.

The OPA Consumer Division reported that retreading auto tires costs only 40 to 50 percent of the cost of a new tire and gives 75 to 80 percent of new tire mileage.

OPM asked the public not to purchase new materials for blacking out windows and not to use surgical tape to protect windows from air raids.

## Labor Supply

Federal Security Administrator McNutt announced unemployment due to material shortages will probably reach a peak in the first half of 1942. He said the hardest hit region will be the Great Lakes and Ohio valley area. He reported priority unemployment had brought the first increase in six months in the number of industrial workers available for war work through the 1,500 State employment services.

The President asked all Governors to transfer to the U. S. Employment Service all personnel, records and facilities required for operation of a central service. Mr. McNutt, whose Federal Security Agency includes the USES, urged all employers to recruit workers exclusively through the local public employment offices and to refrain from "blind" advertising, labor scouting or pirating, and other "wasteful and disruptive" labor-recruiting methods.

## Prices

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported wholesale prices, led by agricultural commodities, rose on percent during the week ended December 18 to the highest level since 1929 and more than 16 percent greater than this time last year. Living costs, the bureau said, are now 11.8 percent above those when war in Europe began.

Price Administrator Henderson moved to stabilize prices of reclaimed rubber, raw wool and various wool yarns, coffee, cocoa, pepper,

cocoa butter, fats and oils except butter, barrel staves and headings, fir "peeler" logs from which plywood is made, resold iron and steel products, natural resins and shellac and second-hand burlap and cotton bags.

## Ships and Shipping

The State Department announced French crews on all French vessels in the U. S. were removed Dec. 2 to protect the ships and crews. The Justice Department said the crews will be held as aliens but not enemy aliens. The State Department took over the giant French liner NORMANDIE and the Swedish liner KUNGSHOLM and said "adequate compensation will be made to the owners." The Maritime Commission discontinued formal ceremonies for new merchant ships but announced launching of eight new vessels during the week.

## Civilian Defense

The Red Cross and the CCC announced an agreement to train CCC personnel in disaster-fighting techniques and to use CCC camps, equipment and personnel during emergencies requiring mass evacuations in any part of the country. The Red Cross also called for 50,000 more trained nurses to place the nation's nursing program on a full war-time basis. To acquire this number, a new reserve of nurses unavailable for military duty because of age or marriage will be called.

The RFC set up a War Insurance Corporation with \$100,000,000 capital to provide "reasonable protection" against damage to private property resulting from enemy attack. The Office of Civilian Defense asked for continuous operation of war material plants without interruption for blackout tests after blackout plans have once been demonstrated as satisfactory.

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## UPTON

The Older Y of Upton and Ladies' Aid Bu Tuesday evening, Morton of New view on "Trend Kenneth Robert sang Christmas Christmas tree, for the remain Refreshments of and crackers w J. Millard Fr Avery Angeline Mrs. Eleanor E the Ladies' Aid a day afternoon of Kendrick Jud Gould Academy cation. Mrs. Bertha J from Norway for Schools in town last week with Christmas tre house. The teach ers and Mrs. Wi



her grandmother died. Left us a little money. Not much, but a little. And she said to me, 'Joe, let's get away from the city. Let's go some place where there's trees.' She hated the city."

Ma nodded in understanding. Who could know better than she how a heart can wither and die in the dark gray walls of a city?

"We bought a farm through a friend of Mary's Dad." The man went on. "Maybe we were stung. It was in California, and we took it sight unseen. We had hard luck. It rained when it shouldn't, and some of our crop was beaten down. Then it didn't rain when it should've, and a lot of our stuff burned up."

"No water on your land?"

"Had been. But some big shot on the other side of the hill tied it up in court. Smoked us out. Wanted our little hunk of land to add to his. We were little people—and he wasn't. We didn't have money to fight him, and when he dammed up the headwaters of our creek we were through."

Ma growled sympathetically.

"We finally had to sell for almost nothing. Me and Mary went to Seattle and I got a job there. Just when we knew the Little Fella was coming, there was a strike. We lived on what we had and I worked when I could, but you know how things are. Easier to spend money than make it. When the time got close me and Mary decided we'd better get back to Chicago to her people. I hate charity, but it's better than starving. Mary thinks so, anyway."

Ma bit her lip.

"So we started out in our car. It was a good car—once. It broke down outside that last village."

"Mountain Creek!"

"We ought've had gone back then, I guess, but we thought we saw a light and we kept on. After a while, Mary couldn't make it and I left her in the stable and started for help. I saw your candles. My mother was Irish. We always had lights in our windows on Christmas Eve, too, in case—in case people had no place to go."

Ma smiled. "My husband—that's his picture over there—he used to say, 'Ma sends out engraved invitations to every tramp in the county on Christmas Eve.' But I noticed he was always ready to give them old clothes and a dollar now and then, even when he couldn't spare the dollar. He was—" Ma's voice was reverent—"a wonderful man and the finest doctor in the world."

She went on definitely. "I have four children. My oldest boy's a big-shot doctor in Chicago," the slang rolled from her lips expertly. "He's a good doctor, I guess, but not like his father. Kit was a doctor because he couldn't help it, because he loved it more than anything else in the world. People have to do what they want in the world—like you living on a farm—or they're not happy, not a bit."

The stranger's face was sober. "I know. Something inside you just won't let you have any peace."

"My oldest daughter's a nurse and companion. That's what she wanted to be. And my youngest son's a writer, for the same reason, I suppose. My daughter, Sally—" Ma's voice softened. "She's so pretty there's no place in the world for her but Hollywood."

She stopped suddenly, noting the stranger's tired face and dark-

ringed eyes, his politely stifled yawn.

"It's late," she mourned, "and I sit here babbling. You sleep down here on the couch, and if she wakes, call me. I don't think she will. Good night," she said gently, "and Merry Christmas."

"No," he said, stubbornly, "it's thanks—and Merry Christmas!"

Christmas morning burst white and beautiful across the hills. Ma stood at the window and marveled at the gentle froth of snow clinging to the pine trees, the soft feathery snowbanks leaning gracefully against the porch.

Breakfast in the parlor was a merry meal, broken only by the occasional whimpering of the new baby. As the last crumb disappeared, the girl said diffidently, "Joe and I've been talking and we—"

Her husband came to her assistance. "We haven't a dime, Mary, and me. And we're under a terrible obligation to you."

Mary's smile was wistful. "If you'll be so kind as to put us up till we can move along—"

"Move along where?" Ma demanded.

"To Chicago. I can get a factory job in Chicago." Joe's smile was bleak.

"You'll stay where you are," Ma chipped off the words without ceremony, "and work for your board and keep till Spring. How can you move a baby in Winter, in a ramshackle car and with no money? I'm a lonely old woman and you can stay until Spring or—" Or until when, her invalid heart mocked.

Mary's eyes filled with tears. "You're kind," she murmured. At a loss for words, Ma merely snorted vehemently.

The girl went on, "We can't ever repay you."

"Nobody expects any pay for doing what they ought to do," Ma retorted.

"But we'd like to," Mary persisted. "So if you wouldn't mind too much, I mean, Joe and I—we thought—maybe you'd let us name the baby after your husband. He must have been a pretty wonderful person, or you'd never have married him."

"He was—a wonderful person," Ma said simply.

"So, if you don't mind, we think it'd be nice. We'd be proud if you'd let us. What did you say his name was?"

"Christopher," Ma was deeply touched. Christopher Shannon.

"Christopher would be a beautiful name," Mary said gently, "for a baby born on Christmas."

Ma bent suddenly and kissed the girl's pinched white face. "Bless your heart," she choked on the words, "he'd be so pleased he'd—" The baby wailed.

"Stop your nonsense, Christopher," Ma commanded, "you're a big boy now."

Mary laughed, young, happy laughter.

Ma looked at her wonderingly. "It's been a long time since a girl laughed like that in this house."

"It's an awful easy house to laugh in," Mary replied.

So there was company for Christmas after all. The turkey would not be wasted. The Christmas cookies were not to blush unseen. And all the fulfillments of the Nativity were present for Ma even though

she shared them with strangers and not her own flesh.

She left Joe and Mary to themselves, and wandered into the Big Doc's study.

Ma leaned back against the closed door and her lame old heart sang bravely as she addressed her husband's portrait. "Well, Kit," she said, "you've gone and got yourself a namesake, even if I did have to practically fish it out of a snow-drift."

She sat down at the scratched desk. "They're nice kids," she confided, "and they've had a rough deal. Funny, isn't it? Here's a house and farm and none of our own want it, and yet it would be a blessing to those poor waifs out there. Doesn't seem right, does it?" The picture eyed her calmly.

"It doesn't, does it?" Ma was startled at her own passionate intensity. "Would it matter much to you, Kit, to have strangers living here? I mean, if they were nice strangers? And if they had a little boy named after you?"

"Kenneth doesn't need the old place, Kit," she pleaded. "He'd only sell it. You'd hate that. So would I. And Lydia wouldn't live here on a bet. She loathes Mountain Creek. And Robert, he'd let it go to ruin. And Sally—Sally'll make a success in Hollywood and she'll be ashamed of the place where she was born. I couldn't bear to have any of them ashamed of the house we were so happy in. We were happy here, weren't we, Kit?" She looked lovingly about the shabby room.

"These youngsters haven't got anything, Kit, except a baby and a lot of gumption. What do you think?"

Outside the door she heard a murmur of voices.

"Look, Kit," she said hastily. "I've got some money in the bank. Our kids can have that. But the house—and the land—"

She picked up the pen on the desk, dipped it into the old inkwell, began to write. "Don't be mad at me when you see me, Kit," she pleaded. "I'm only trying to do what's right."

What was it she heard about last wills and testaments? They must be witnessed by disinterested parties? Well, wasn't Danny coming up that afternoon, to pay a call on Sally—Sally who wasn't coming home for Christmas? Danny would satisfy the most capricious court of law.

The pen marched across the page, trailed by Ma's customary little inky splashes. "I, Margaret Heath Shannon, being of sound mind, do hereby bequeath this—"

Ma snickered. "Who to?" She left the desk and plucked to the door.

Joe was saving earnestly, "I know it's hard to live on charity, Mary, but it won't last forever. Maybe next Christmas—"

Ma interrupted rudely. "You've spent the night here, had a baby, eaten breakfast, and swapped life histories with me, but I still don't know your name. What is it?"

Joe looked up, startled. "Carpenter," he said. "Joseph Carpenter."

"Thanks," Ma closed the door on his surprised "Carpenter." She picked up the pen again. "To Joseph and Mary Carpenter, the farm and property."

The neighbor came back, but Ma smiled. "It won't be long now, Kit," she said happily. "Maybe next Christmas—"



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEWS

## GEORGE A. MUNDT UNIT

The American Legion Auxiliary held their Christmas tree and supper for members and their children Sunday. Around 58 were present and a grand supper was served. Mrs. Frances Bennett served as chairman, assisted by the members. A children's program was enjoyed under the lead of Jane Van and the Christmas tree was in charge of Mabel and Patsy O'Brien.

The next regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary will take place at Mabel O'Brien's, Jan. 8. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

## DEFENSE BOND QUIZ

Q. In a payroll-allotment plan, is an employee committed to purchase any stated amount of Defense Bonds—say \$100, \$300, or \$500 worth?

A. No. The payroll-allotment plan is part of the voluntary Defense Savings Program for encouraging the public to save systematically. An employee may drop out of a payroll-allotment plan at will. There is no compulsion.

Q. Where are defense stamps on sale?

A. At post offices, most banks, savings and loan associations, great numbers of stores. Look for the sign: Defense Savings Stamps on Sale Here.

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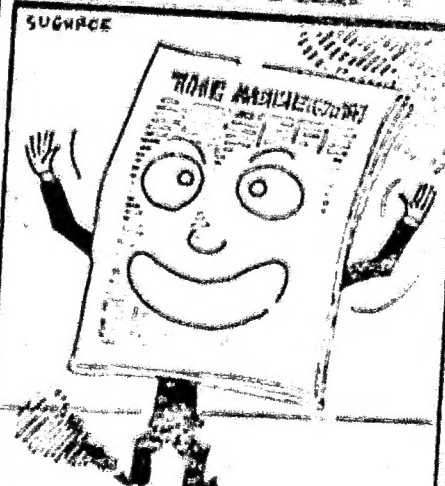
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## UPTON

The Older Young People's group of Upton and Newry met at the Ladies' Aid Building in Upton Wednesday evening, Dec. 17. Mrs. Helen Morton of Newry gave a book review on "Trending into Maine" by Kenneth Roberts. The members sang Christmas carols and had a Christmas tree, then played games for the remainder of the evening. Refreshments of ice cream, cookies and crackers were served.

J. Millard Fraser has purchased Avery Angeline's house.

Mrs. Eleanor Barnett entertained the Ladies' Aid at her home Thursday afternoon of last week.

Kendrick Judkins is home from Gould Academy for a two weeks vacation.

Mrs. Bertha Judkins is home from Norway for two weeks.

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# THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

Summary: Information on the Important Developments of the Week Made Available by Official Sources through and including Friday

Navy Secretary Knox, returning from a plane trip to Hawaii, reported the U. S. armed services there were not on the alert against the first Japanese attack. Mr. Knox said that the Navy lost one capital ship, a training ship, three destroyers, and one mine-layer and suffered damage to other ships which will take from several days to several months to repair. He reported 2,729 Navy officers and men were killed and 556 wounded.

The President appointed Supreme Court Justice Roberts head of a special board of inquiry. Pending completion of the inquiry ranking officers of the Hawaiian command were relieved of duty and replaced. In the shift, Admiral Nimitz replaced Admiral Kimmel as Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Pacific Fleet and Lt. Gen. Emmons, Air Forces, relieved Lt. Gen. Short as commanding officer of the land forces in the Islands.

## The War Front

War and Navy Department communiques during the week reported the sinking of one enemy transport and "probably" one destroyer, se-

vere damage to another enemy transport, the sinking of a motor ship, capture of a fishing vessel, continued successful repulse of enemy attempts to take Wake and Midway, and continued bombing of the Philippines.

## Lend-Lease Aid

War Secretary Stimson issued a statement that although lend-lease aid momentarily lessened after the Pearl Harbor attack, the increased war effort "must inevitably increase rather than diminish shipments to our common enemy." The President reported to Congress that aid had increased from \$18,000,000 in March to \$283,000,000 in November—to make a total of \$1,202,000,000 in aid extended to December 1.

## Army

Secretary of War Stimson told his press conference that although the \$10,000,000,000 supplemental defense bill provides for an increase of the Army to about 2,000,000 men, the War Department is "trying to develop machinery by which our Army can increase steadily without limits" and with "the least possible disturbance to our economic life."

## Selective Service

Congress passed a bill calling for registration of all men between 18 and 65 and making those from 20 to 44, inclusive, liable for military service. War Secretary Stimson told

# Maube Next Christmas

by ANNE MARY LAWLER

Ma Shannon's doctor has warned her that this is her last Christmas. She is planning a last family reunion with her four children. None comes. In New York, Lydia, secretary-companion, is afraid to leave the man she loves to the mercuries of

her rival over Christmas-time. In Chicago Kenneth, successful doctor, permits his spoiled wife to dissuade him from making the trip. In Baltimore, Robert, penniless writer, has Christmas plans which may make the publication of his book possible. And

in Hollywood, Sally is desperately trying for a part in a new picture. And then Ma is called by a stranger to help his wife who is about to have a baby in a barn, where they took refuge from the snowstorm. They bring the woman to Ma's home.

## Installment 5

"Care to see your son?" Ma proffered a swaddled armful to the stranger.

The girl was sleeping quietly the exhausted sleep of a warrior who has fought a long and victorious battle.

"Little—and red, isn't he?" The father was awkward of hand and word before his child.

"He's a beautiful baby," Ma defended angrily. "Look at those little hands. Why, they're beautiful. The idea, little and red!"

"I don't know much about babies," he confessed. "I never met any so close before."

Ma's anger changed to amusement. "You'll learn." She grinned. "Now suppose we put this young man down and let him get some sleep. He's had a hard night, too." She eased the baby gently into an old wicker wash basket swathed in worn blankets, turned down the light and led the way to the Big Doc's old study.

Across a heartening cup of tea, Ma demanded, "That story you were telling me down in the stable. We've got time for it now."

"It's an old story," he admitted. "Nothing new about it. Me and Mary—my wife—we always wanted a farm of our own. A little place, no, too big, where you could wake up and see something green in the morning. Me and Mary both were city kids—Chicago—but my dad was a farm boy and he talked about the land a lot. Me and Mary were never satisfied in Chicago. Then

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Ma looked up at the picture of Big Doc. "I, being of sound mind," she wrote, "do bequeath . . ."

# The SNAPSHOT GUILD

DEVELOPING AND PRINTING



Want more fun from photography? Then try developing your own films. It's easy, and you can learn to do it in very little time.

FREQUENTLY I've been asked the question: "How can I develop and print my own pictures?" It's a good query—one that many of you probably have been wondering about—so I'm going to answer it today.

Developing and printing, you see, are in a way the finishing touches in a photographer's education. When he first learns how to make his camera operate, it's as if he were going to elementary school. Discovering what makes a good picture subject is comparable to high school. And learning how to develop a print is equivalent—in the photographic sense—to a college education. It means you're having more fun too.

To start your own developing the best thing is to purchase an inexpensive developing and printing kit. You can get them—some might say—in all shapes and sizes. That isn't important, but what really is important is that every set contains all you'll need in the way of chemicals and equipment. And included in each set is an instruction booklet which explains clearly and concisely the steps to follow in developing a film and making a print. Such a book is invaluable if an

experienced photographer isn't at hand to help you get started.

But whatever kit you got—and the inexpensive ones will do nicely at first—you're going to need a darkroom to work in. A large, empty closet will be sufficient, although many photographers prefer to work in a larger space—such as a bathroom or kitchen which has been made lighttight by heavy curtains over the door and windows. Or perhaps you'd prefer to build a regular darkroom of your own.

In any event when you're established and ready to begin work, you won't have any trouble if you follow directions. That's the secret of producing high quality prints and negatives. Just follow the directions, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

However, here are a few tips. Keep your equipment and developing solutions spotlessly clean; watch solution temperatures carefully and don't work when they're below 60 or above 75 degrees; keep agitating your films and prints during development; and, finally, wash everything—prints and negatives—thoroughly—at least 20 minutes in running water.

John van Guilder

a press conference voluntary enlistments will be suspended as soon as the "present rush of patriotism" is over. All further manpower will then be obtained by the selective service system. The Census bureau estimated the U. S. and the Allied powers including China and India have 103,887,000 men of fighting age—18 to 35—while the Axis nations have 28,500,000.

## Navy

The Navy Department authorized all navy yards to make maximum use of extra shifts and overtime work to rush construction. All Navy employees were ordered on a 48-hour week. Four ships were launched; the USS COLUMBIA—10,000-ton cruiser—and three destroyers.

## Production

OPM Production Director Harrison announced American and British plane output will surpass that of Germany by the summer of 1942; the U. S. will produce 840 light and medium tanks this month and 2,800 a month by this time next year; machine tool production necessary for critical Army weapons will probably be doubled in the coming year; the first bomber will be produced shortly after January 1, at the new \$11,000,000 Kansas City assembly plant from parts made by the auto industry; plans have been approved by SPAB to triple aviation gasoline production.

## Priorities

OPM extended its ban on the sale of new auto tires and tubes to January 4 and said a rationing program will go into effect January 4 providing tires only for essential commercial and public welfare activities. OPM also announced full control of all tin in this country or en route by water; ordered manufacturers of ranges, stoves and other cooking appliances to curtail use of iron and steel; ruled sheepskin can be used only on OPM order; simplified priority procedure to permit extension of ratings by manufacturers themselves on orders for less than \$500 worth of material.

## Materials

The SPAB announced preparation of a program to insure adequate supplies of these raw materials from the Pacific area "even in case

America's access to overseas materials is cut off entirely." OPM Director Knudsen asked all individuals to gather all scrap of any kind in their homes and workshops and sell it at once to scrap dealers. Civilian Supply Director Henderson said the war effort requires 50 pounds of scrap paper a month from every family.

The OPA Consumer Division reported that retreading auto tires costs only 40 to 50 percent of the cost of a new tire and gives 75 to 80 percent of new tire mileage. OPM asked the public not to purchase new materials for blacking out windows and not to use surgical tape to protect windows from air raids.

## Labor Supply

Federal Security Administrator McNutt announced unemployment due to material shortages will probably reach a peak in the first half of 1942. He said the hardest hit region will be the Great Lakes and Ohio valley area. He reported priority unemployment had brought the first increase in six months in the number of industrial workers available for war work through the 1,500 State employment services.

The President asked all Governors to transfer to the U. S. Employment Service all personnel, records and facilities required for operation of a central service. Mr. McNutt, whose Federal Security Agency includes the USES, urged all employers to recruit workers exclusively through the local public employment offices and to refrain from "blind" advertising, labor scouting or pirating, and other "wasteful and disruptive" labor-recruiting methods.

## Prices

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported wholesale prices, led by agricultural commodities, rose one percent during the week ended December 13 to the highest level since 1929 and more than 16 percent greater than this time last year. Living costs, the bureau said, are now 11.8 percent above those when war in Europe began.

Price Administrator Henderson moved to stabilize prices of reclaimed rubber, raw wool and various wool yarns, coffee, cocoa, pepper,

cocoa butter, fats and oils except butter, barrel staves and headings, fir "peeler" logs from which plywood is made, resold iron and steel products, natural resins and shellac and second-hand burlap and cotton bags.

## Ships and Shipping

The State Department announced French crews on all French vessels in the U. S. were removed Dec. 2 to protect the ships and crews. The Justice Department said the crews will be held as aliens but not enemy aliens. The State Department took over the giant French liner NORMANDIE and the Swedish liner KUNGSHOLM and said "adequate compensation will be made to the owners." The Maritime Commission discontinued formal ceremonies for new merchant ships but announced launching of eight new vessels during the week.

## Civilian Defense

The Red Cross and the CCC announced an agreement to train CCC personnel in disaster-fighting techniques and to use CCC camps, equipment and personnel during emergencies requiring mass evacuations in any part of the country. The Red Cross also called for 50,000 more trained nurses to place the nation's nursing program on a full war-time basis. To acquire this number, a new reserve of nurses unavailable for military duty because of age or marriage will be called.

The RFC set up a War Insurance Corporation with \$100,000,000 capital to provide "reasonable protection" against damage to private property resulting from enemy attack. The Office of Civilian Defense asked for continuous operation of war material plants without interruption for blackout tests after blackout plans have once been demonstrated as satisfactory.

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her grandmother died. Left us a little money. Not much, but a little. And she said to me, 'Joe, let's get away from the city. Let's go some place where there's trees.' She hated the city."

Ma nodded in understanding. Who could know better than she how a heart can wither and die in the dark gray walls of a city?

"We bought a farm through a friend of Mary's Dad." The man went on. "Maybe we were stung. It was in California, and we took it sight unseen. We had hard luck. It rained when it shouldn't, and some of our crop was beaten down. Then it didn't rain when it should've, and a lot of our stuff burned up."

"No water on your land?"

"Had been. But some big shot on the other side of the hill tied it up in court. Smoked us out. Wanted our little hunk of land to add to his. We were little people—and he wasn't. We didn't have money to fight him, and when he dammed up the headwaters of our creek we were through."

Ma growled sympathetically.

"We finally had to sell for almost nothing. Me and Mary went to Seattle and I got a job there. Just when we knew the Little Feila was coming, there was a strike. We lived on what we had and I worked when I could, but you know how things are. Easier to spend money than make it. When the time got close me and Mary decided we'd better get back to Chicago to her people. I hate charity, but it's better than starving. Mary thinks so, anyway."

Ma bit her lip.

"So we started out in our car. It was a good car—once. It broke down outside that last village."

"Mountain Creek!"

"We ought've had gone back then, I guess, but we thought we saw a light and we kept on. After a while, Mary couldn't make it and I left her in the stable and started for help. I saw your candles. My mother was Irish. We always had lights in our windows on Christmas Eve, too, in case—in case people had no place to go."

Ma smiled. "My husband—that's his picture over there—he used to say, 'Ma sends out engraved invitations to every tramp in the county on Christmas Eve.' But I noticed he was always ready to give them old clothes and a dollar now and then, even when he couldn't spare the dollar. He was—" Ma's voice was reverent—"a wonderful man and the finest doctor in the world."

She went on definitely. "I have four children. My oldest boy's a big-shot doctor in Chicago," the slang rolled from her lips expertly. He's a good doctor, I guess, but not like his father. Kit was a doctor because he couldn't help it, because he loved it more than anything else in the world. People have to do what they want in the world—like you living on a farm—or they're not happy, not a bit."

The stranger's face was sober. "I know. Something inside you just won't let you have any peace."

"My oldest daughter's a nurse and companion. That's what she wanted to be. And my youngest son's a writer, for the same reason, I suppose. My daughter, Sally—" Ma's voice softened. "She's so pretty there's no place in the world for her but Hollywood."

She stopped suddenly, noting the stranger's tired face and dark-

ringed eyes, his politely stifled yawn. "It's late," she mourned, "and I sit here babbling. You sleep down here on the couch, and if she wakes, call me. I don't think she will. Good night," she said gently, "and Merry Christmas."

"No," he said, stubbornly, "it's thanks—and Merry Christmas!"

Christmas morning burst white and beautiful across the hills. Ma stood at the window and marveled at the gentle froth of snow clinging to the pine trees, the soft feathery snowbanks leaning gracefully against the porch.

Breakfast in the parlor was a merry meal, broken only by the occasional whimpering of the new baby. As the last crumb disappeared, the girl said diffidently, "Joe and I've been talking and we—"

Her husband came to her assistance. "We haven't a dime, Mary and me. And we're under a terrible obligation to you."

Mary's smile was wistful. "If you'll be so kind as to put us up till we can move along—"

"Move along where?" Ma demanded.

"To Chicago. I can get a factory job in Chicago." Joe's smile was bleak.

"You'll stay where you are," Ma chipped off the words without ceremony, "and work for your board and keep till Spring. How can you move a baby in Winter, in a ramshackle car and with no money? I'm a lonely old woman and you can stay until Spring or—" Or until when, her invalid heart mocked.

Mary's eyes filled with tears. "You're kind," she murmured. At a loss for words, Ma merely snorted vehemently.

The girl went on, "We can't ever repay you."

"Nobody expects any pay for doing what they ought to do," Ma retorted.

"But we'd like to," Mary persisted. "So if you wouldn't mind too much, I mean, Joe and I—we thought—maybe you'd let us name the baby after your husband. He must have been a pretty wonderful person, or you'd never have married him."

"He was—a wonderful person," Ma said simply.

"So, if you don't mind, we think it'd be nice. We'd be proud if you'd let us. What did you say his name was?"

"Christopher," Ma was deeply touched. Christopher Shannon.

"Christopher would be a beautiful name," Mary said gently, "for a baby born on Christmas."

Ma bent suddenly and kissed the girl's pinched white face. "Bless your heart," she choked on the words, "he'd be so pleased he'd—"

The baby wailed.

"Stop your nonsense, Christopher," Ma commanded, "you're a big boy now."

Mary laughed, young, happy laughter.

Ma looked at her wonderingly. "It's been a long time since a girl laughed like that in this house."

"It's an awful easy house to laugh in," Mary replied.

So there was company for Christmas after all. The turkey would not be wasted. The Christmas cookies were not to bluish unseen. And all the fulfillments of the Nativity were present for Ma, even though

she shared them with strangers and not her own flesh.

She left Joe and Mary to themselves, and wandered into the Big Doc's study.

Ma leaned back against the closed door and her lame old heart sang bravely as she addressed her husband's portrait. "Well, Kit," she said, "you've gone and got yourself a namesake, even if I did have to practically fish it out of a snow-drift."

She sat down at the scratched desk. "They're nice kids," she confided, "and they've had a rough deal. Funny, isn't it? Here's a house and farm and none of our own want it, and yet it would be a blessing to those poor waifs out there. Doesn't seem right, does it?" The picture eyed her calmly.

"It doesn't, does it?" Ma was startled at her own passionate intensity. "Would it matter much to you, Kit, to have strangers living here? I mean, if they were nice strangers? And if they had a little boy named after you?"

"Kenneth doesn't need the old place, Kit," she pleaded. "He'd only sell it. You'd hate that. So would I. And Lydia wouldn't live here on a bet. She loathes Mountain Creek. And Robert, he'd let it go to ruin. And Sally—Sally'll make a success in Hollywood and she'll be ashamed of the place where she was born. I couldn't bear to have any of them ashamed of the house we were so happy in. We were happy here, weren't we, Kit?" She looked lovingly about the shabby room.

"These youngsters haven't got anything, Kit, except a baby and a lot of gumption. What do you think?"

Outside the door she heard a murmur of voices.

"Look, Kit," she said hastily. "I've got some money in the bank. Our kids can have that. But the house—and the land—"

She picked up the pen on the desk, dipped it into the old inkwell, began to write. "Don't be mad at me when you see me, Kit," she pleaded. "I'm only trying to do what's right."

What was it she heard about last wills and testaments? They must be witnessed by disinterested parties? Well, wasn't Danny coming up that afternoon, to pay a call on Sally—Sally who wasn't coming home for Christmas? Danny would satisfy the most capricious court of law.

The pen marched across the page, trailed by Ma's customary little ink splashes. "I, Margaret Heath Shannon, being of sound mind, do hereby bequeath to—"

Ma snatched "Who to?" She left the desk and plodded to the door.

Joe was saving earnestly, "I know it's hard to live on charity, Mary, but it won't last forever. Maybe next Christmas."

Ma interrupted rudely. "You've spent the night here, had a baby, eaten breakfast, and swapped life histories with me, but I still don't know your name. What is it?"

Joe looked up, startled. "Carpenter," he said. "Joseph Carpenter."

"Thanks," Ma closed the door on his surprised "Carpenter." She picked up the pen again. "To Joseph and Mary Carpenter the farm and property."

The morning sun was back, but Ma smiled. "I won't be long now, Kit," she said happily. "Maybe next Christmas."



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEWS

## GEORGE A. MUNDT UNIT

The American Legion Auxiliary held their Christmas tree and supper for members and their children Sunday. Around 58 were present and a grand supper was served. Mrs. Frances Bennett served as chairman, assisted by the members. A children's program was enjoyed under the lead of Jane Van and the Christmas tree was in charge of Mabel and Patsy O'Brien.

The next regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary will take place at Mabel O'Brien's, Jan. 8. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

## DEFENSE BOND QUIZ

Q. In a payroll-allotment plan is an employee committed to purchase any stated amount of Defense Bonds—say \$100, \$300, or \$500 worth?

A. No. The payroll-allotment plan is part of the voluntary Defense Savings Program for encouraging the public to save systematically. An employee may drop out of a payroll-allotment plan at will. There is no compulsion.

Q. Where are defense stamps on sale?

A. At post offices, most banks, savings and loan associations, great numbers of stores. Look for the sign: Defense Savings Stamps on Sale Here.

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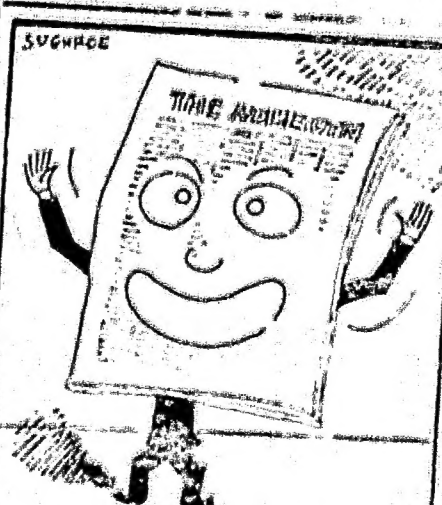
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## UPTON

The Older Young People's group of Upton and Newry met at the Ladies' Aid Building in Upton Wednesday evening, Dec. 17. Mrs. Helen Morton of Newry gave a book review on "Trending into Maine" by Kenneth Roberts. The members sang Christmas carols and had a Christmas tree, then played games for the remainder of the evening. Refreshments of ice cream, cookies and crackers were served.

J. Millard Fraser has purchased Avery Angeline's house.

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# LIFE

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett and family will spend Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Winfield McAllister at North Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Littlehale and son, Frank, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Littlehale of Springfield, Mass.

Miss Leslie Ireland of the University of New Hampshire is with her parents, Headmaster and Mrs. E. F. Ireland, for the holidays.



**BOOSH!** From the barren, spray swept deck of a Polish destroyer "Somewhere in the Atlantic" a glistering sword the hull of a distant Axis ship. The ship, Dutch, French and No. are played.

## BETHEL AND VICINITY

Mrs. Mildred Garroway is working at Farwell & Wight's.

Miss Marian Wight is a guest at the home of Kenneth Wight.

Henry Hastings is at home from Boston University for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Lapham have moved to Andover for the winter.

Miss Barbara Lyon of Portland spent the week-end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Myers and family are spending Christmas at Orono.

Mrs. Edith Clement and son, Larry, spent two days this week in Portland.

Murray Thurston of Dartmouth College is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cale of Berlin, N. H., spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Miss Joyce Swan is home from Westbrook Junior College for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bean have moved into a rent in Tom Brown's house on Main Street.

Lincoln Merrill underwent surgery at the St. Louis Hospital at Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

Dale Thurston is at home from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala., for the holidays.

Miss Jane Chapin, R. N., of Lewiston is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Wade Thurston.

Miss Virginia Davis arrived home from Gorham Normal School Friday for a two weeks vacation.

Miss Madeleine Hall arrived home Sunday from Lewiston, and is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Roberts and son of Orono are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt.

Miss Mary Sanborn of Portland will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Sanborn.

Maynard Austin of the University of Maine, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Henry Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bennett are spending the week with their son, Harold Bennett, and family at Arlington, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Clark are spending Christmas week with their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Williams, and family at Woburn, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Fossett and son, Paul, are spending the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan French, at Milan, N. H.

Miss Hattie Harris and John Harris will be Christmas dinner guests of F. B. Merrill and Miss Harriet Merrill at the Gateway House.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson and Richard Bean of West Bethel will be Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bennett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore spent a few days with their son, Robert in Boston last week, before leaving for Key West, Fla., where Mr. Moore has employment.



**ENSIGN STANLEY W. ALLEN**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Allen of Bethel, who was reported lost in action at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Dec. 5.

## EAST BETHEL

**Alder River Grange**  
Alder River Grange held a regular meeting Friday evening, Dec. 19, with Worthy Overseer Rodney Howe in the chair. An invitation to join Franklin Grange in installation of officers was read and the Grange voted to accept the invitation for Saturday evening, Jan. 2.

As it was the meeting nearest Christmas a Christmas tree decorated with bags of candy was enjoyed. Mrs. Irvine, chairman of the Christmas tree and refreshments committee, had several games and stunts. Christmas carols were sung by the group, and refreshments of candy, sandwiches and coffee were enjoyed.

Lecturer Robert Billings had the members draw names for exchange of gifts and then the following program was enjoyed: Reading, Louise Coolidge; solo, Myra Foster; reading, Marguerite Bartlett. Fifteen members were present.

John Howe had the misfortune to dislocate his left shoulder, Thursday morning, when thrown off his feet while yarding pine logs with Robert Hastings. He was taken to the C. M. G. Hospital Saturday for X-ray and treatment, returning home Monday forenoon.

Mrs. Howe accompanied and was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Kimball Saturday and Sunday nights.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Howe are staying with his parents so that he may do the chores while John Howe is unable to do them.

Mrs. Ida Blake and Mrs. Hilda Swan were called to Rumford Tuesday afternoon by the serious condition of Mrs. Blake's grandson, Roy Dorey, at the Community Hospital.

Richard Davis has the mill in operation and piles of lumber are making their appearance along the roadside.

Lucky Clover 4-H Club met with the assistant leader, Mrs. Ruth Hastings, Saturday afternoon Christmas wreaths and aprons were made by the members.

### BIRTHS

At South Bethel, Dec. 22, to the wife of Orrle Bachelder, a son Orle Russell.

At Berlin, N. H., Dec. 17, to the wife of Rodney Cross of Locke Mills, a son.

### DEATHS

In Lewiston Dec. 15, Delphis Bergeron (Sam Badger) of Bethel, aged 76 years.

In Bryant Pond Dec. 10, Mrs. Lena Bailey Bartlett, wife of Harlan Bartlett aged 58 years.

In Lewiston Dec. 20, Mrs. Mathew Pulkkinen of West Paris.

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Along With the News

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JAN. 8

First Church

CHURCH

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 28  
**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Rev. Herbert T. Wallace, Minister.  
9.30 a. m. Sunday School.

11.00 a. m. Morning Worship.  
Sermon subject, "A New Order."

Wishing us all A HAPPIER AND MORE HOPEFUL NEW YEAR.

### METHODIST CHURCH

M. A. Gordon, pastor.  
9.45 Church School. Mrs. Leona Swan, supt. Classes for all.

11.00 Sunday morning worship.  
Special singing by Church Choir.

Mrs. Mildred Lyon, director. Subject, "The Opening Door."

6.30 Epworth League.  
7.30 Evening Service. Poems, Favorite Verses. Subject, "New Year Resolutions."

The Choir meets Friday evening with Mrs. Harry Jordan.

The Men's Brotherhood meets Monday evening, Dec. 29, Supper and entertainment. Supper committee—Arthur Gray, Maurice Brooks, Perry Lapham. Entertainment—Ralph Berry, M. A. Gordon.

There will be a "Watch Night" at 9 o'clock, Wednesday evening, Dec. 31.

The pastor and church wish the community a Happy New Year.

Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3: 13.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH**  
Sunday School at 10 o'clock.

Services Sunday morning at 10.45.

"Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon that will be read in all Churches of Christ Scientist, on Sunday, Dec. 28.

## WEST PARIS

**Hollis Home Burned**

The buildings of Harold Hollis on Greenwood Street were ruined by fire Sunday evening, caused by defective wiring. The wind was blowing a gale and flames were shooting through the roof when discovered by Leon Proctor, who was coming down High Street. The family were away. The West Paris fire company and Fire Chief Charles Gordon deserve great credit for their efficient work in controlling the fire, as there were other residences on either side. Mr. Hollis was insured. Considerable furniture was saved.

Mrs. Mathew Pulkkinen

Mrs. Mathew Pulkkinen died at the St. Marie Hospital, Lewiston, Saturday, and funeral services were held Monday from the Finnish Congregational Church, Rev. Felix Mayblom officiating. The bearers were members of the family. Interment was in the Finnish cemetery, West Paris. Those attending from away were Mathew Pulkkinen, Mr. and Mrs. John Ring Jr., St. Johnsbury, Vt., Walter and Peter Pulkkinen, Portland, Robert Pulkkinen and Peter Johnson, Hebron.

Many families will entertain guests and others will go out of town. Mrs. Mabel Mann will go to Bryant Pond to be with her nephew, Parker Allen, and family.

Frank and Ernest Packard will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Packard at Eustis. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Mayhew's guest will be Mrs. Fred Rollins of Springfield, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jackson, Mrs. Florence Thayer and Ralph Packard.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Mann will be guests of his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Odell C. Rich Jr. Miss Helen will go Wednesday to spend the remainder of the school vacation at Dover-Foxcroft.

## WEST BETHEL

The children's Christmas party at the Grange Hall Saturday was well attended.

Roland Kneeland was in Lewiston Sunday to meet O'Neil and Edward Robertson of Bethel, who are home from college for the holidays.

Alfred Lovejoy of Wentworth Location, N. H., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Lovejoy.

Harry N. Head, who has been very ill at his home, is able to sit up.

Mrs. Althea Morrill and her sister, Mrs. Nellie Seabury, are both suffering with bad colds.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hale have gone to New Haven, Conn., for the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Compass are keeping their home open.

Moody Scribner has returned to Norway for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rolfe will eat their Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bennett this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rolfe and two children will spend Christmas with Mrs. Rolfe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Day, at Locke Mills.

## ALUMNI JAMBOREE

FRIDAY, DEC. 26, 8 p. m.

William Bingham Gymnasium

Get tickets from Bosserman's, Dick Young or Marguerite Hall.

50¢ each, including tax

Howard Shaw's Orchestra

Refreshments

Informal Everyone Invited

## BETHEL THEATRE

Fri.-Sat., Dec. 26-27

**THE TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE**

Sylvia Sidney

Fred MacMurray, Henry Fonda

In Technicolor

Returned to Bethel by request

**A VERY YOUNG LADY**

Jane Withers

Sunday-Monday, Dec. 28-29

**NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH**

Bob Hope, Paulette Goddard

It's a Pipe—The Story of the Pipe-line from Portland to Montreal

Tues.-Wed., Dec. 30-31

**WESTERN UNION**

Robert Young

Zane Grey's Story in Technicolor

Thursday, Jan. 1

**NEW YORK TOWN**

Fred MacMurray,

Mary Martin

Fri.-Sat., Jan 3-4

**TILLIE THE TOILER**

Kay Harris, William Tracy

**SIX GUN GOLD**

Tim Holt

**MATINEES**

Saturdays, 2:15; Sundays, 1:00

**EVENINGS at 8:30—Two Shows**

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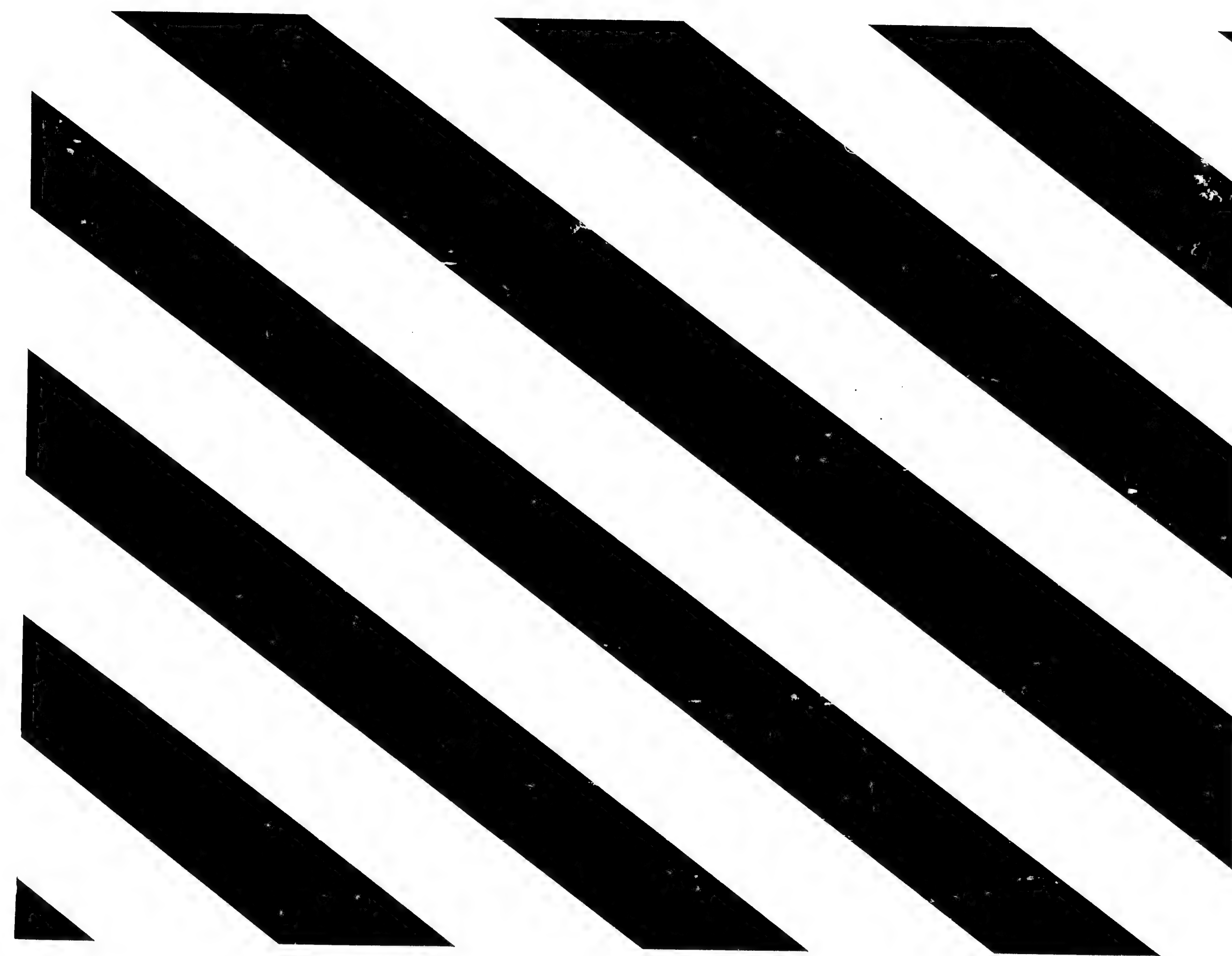
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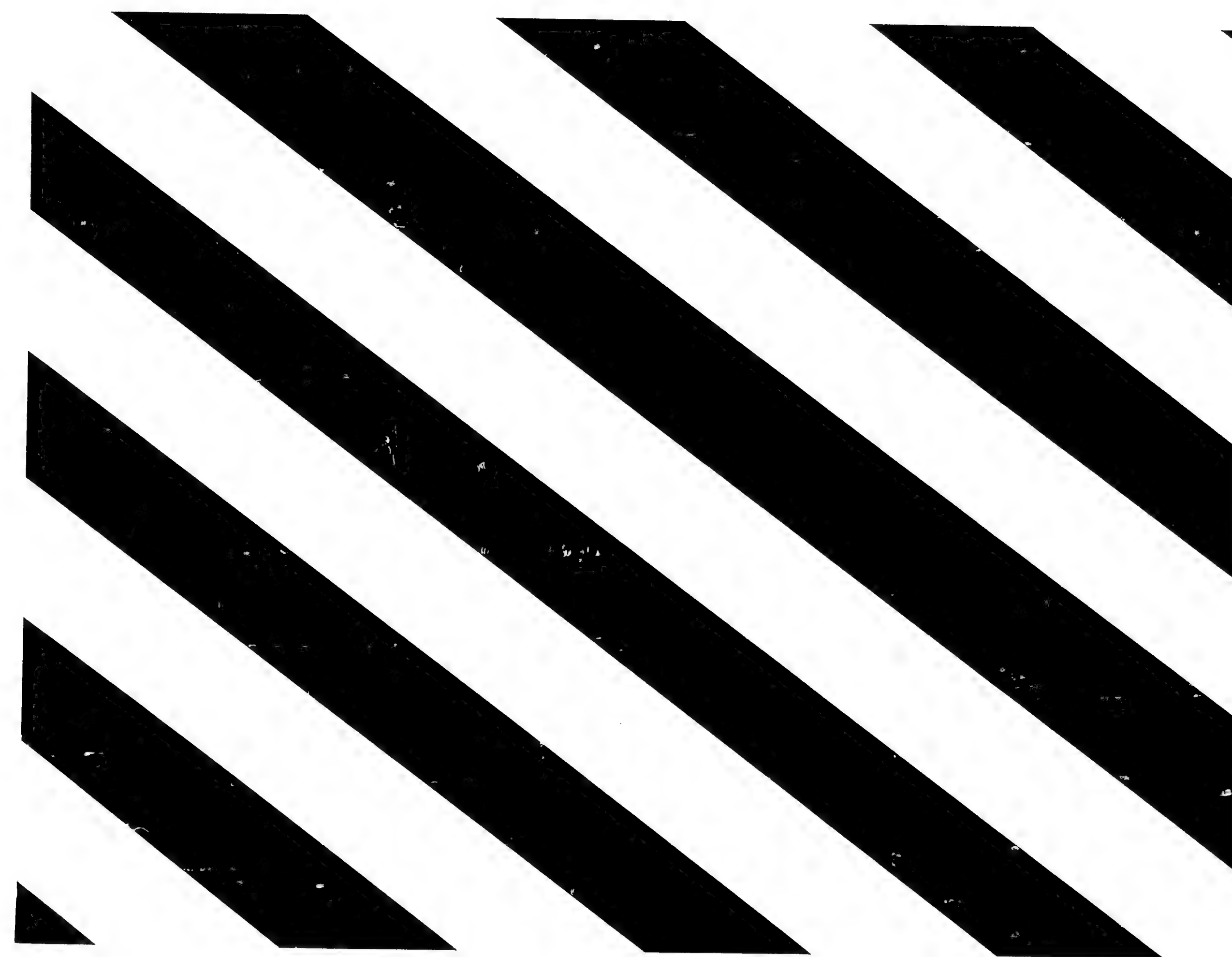
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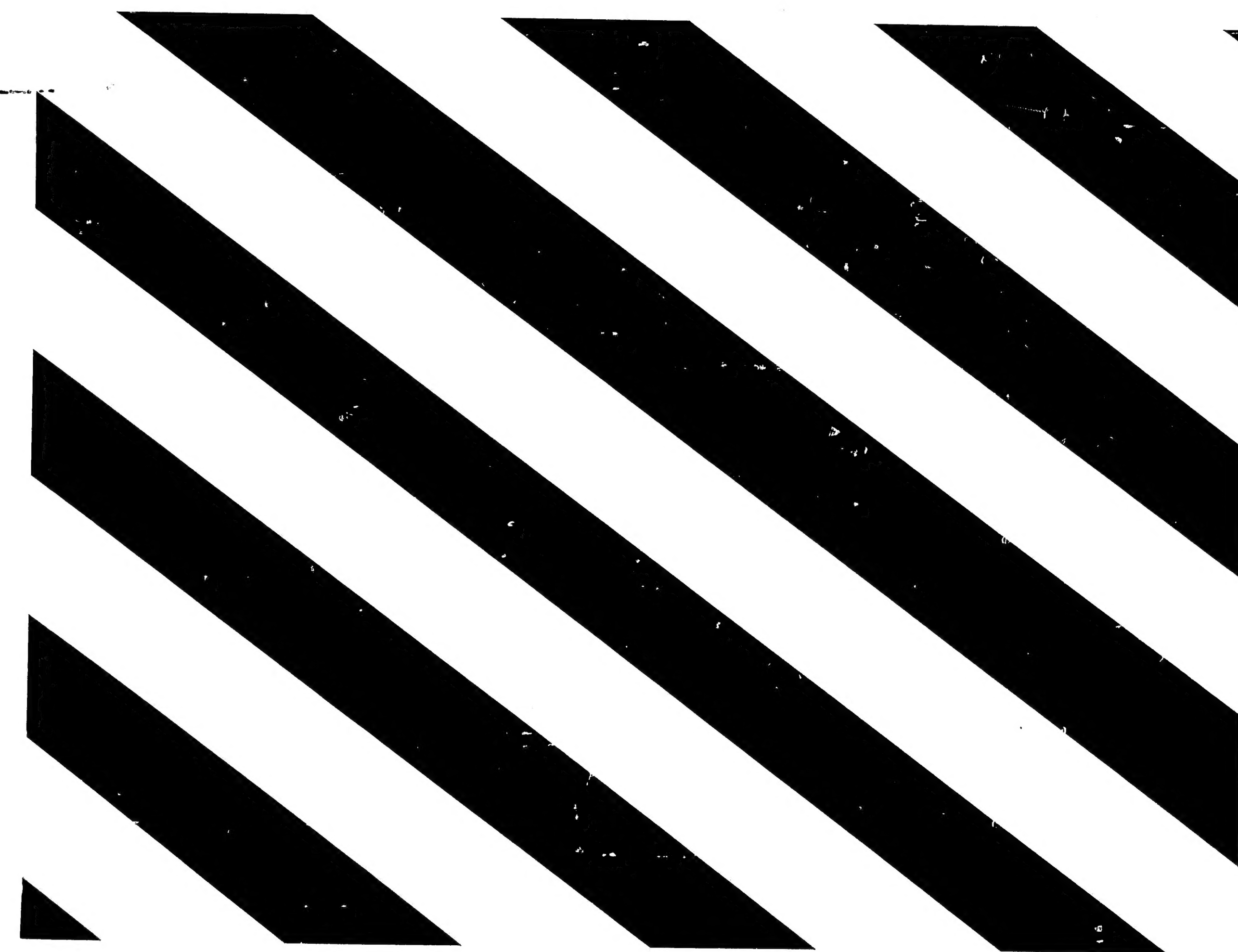














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